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Hendrik L. BIJL et al.

Application No.: 08/821,025

Filed: March 19, 1997

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Art Unit: 1651

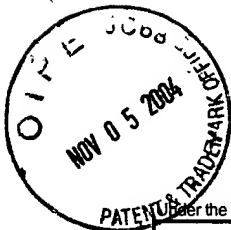
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 8 October 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 8 January 2005. The considered claims, claims 68-95, were rejected. Applicants sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness and consideration given their undersigned representative at an interview with Examiner Marx on 21 October 2004. The discussion at the interview was most helpful. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, both written and as discussed, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. The amendments are generally those discussed at the interview. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.



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